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Applicants would like to make of record the enclosed Office Actions dated August 20, 2009 issued in the corresponding Canadian Application Nos. 2,591,711 of the co-pending Application No. 10/596,757 and 2,591,712 of the co-pending Application No. 10/596,755.

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